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In February 1953, 22 check points of the Soviet occupation power on the outskirts of Berlin were interconnected with telephone lines which were for exclusive use of these points and consisted of five-pair underground cables constructed as overhead lines. The target date for the construction of these lines which had been set for 1 March 1953 was met. Source stated that the points served as a second ring around Berlin and, on the average, were located about 3 km apart from the emergency call stations of the Volkspolizei. Two other check points, one of the Soviet occupation power and the other of the Volkspolizei, simultaneously received telephone connection in Berlin-Spaethsfelde. While the first mentioned lines were constructed by the RFT Plant VEB, the last mentioned line was constructed by the postal administration and had to be completed on 4 March. The two check points were established in villas which had been confiscated on short notice. All security measures had been observed for the construction work.

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